
Status & Remarks

The application presently contains the following claims:

<u>Independent Claim #</u>	<u>Dependent Claim #s</u>
1	2-14
15	16-20

Claim 7 has been amended. Support for the amendment to this claim may be found in claim #3 as originally filed.

Request for Consideration

Applicant believes that all independent claims clearly define over the prior art and that the distinctions between the present invention and the prior art would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Additionally, the remaining dependent claims, by the limitations contained in the base independent claims, are felt to be patentable over the prior art by virtue of their dependency from independent claims which distinguish over the prior art of record. All pending claims are thought to be allowable and reconsideration by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that no new additional searching will be required by the examiner. A fee determination sheet is attached for this amendment response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required to effect the filing of this document to Account No. 50-0983.

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